

17 August 2020

Dear Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well.

You will no doubt have followed carefully the situation regarding the examination results issued in Scotland recently as well as last week's A Level results across England.

As we await GCSE results due this week (at the time of writing) I would like to assure you that we followed a robust process in school to ensure that the grades submitted to the examination boards followed the expectations laid out by Ofqual which were to ensure every calculated grade was "fair, objective and carefully considered". Nationally schools have been accused by some of inflating submitted grades. I cannot speak for any other school, but can assure you that at Oakmoor this was absolutely not the case.

There is a great deal of concern around how Scotland's grades and England's A Level grades were amended by the examination boards. We await details of how this will be resolved in England, with Scotland already agreeing to accept school submitted grades. There are suggestions in today's media that this should be considered for England's A Levels and GCSEs, with some MPs calling for a delay to the publication of GCSE results. An announcement from our Government is expected later today.

Separate to the grades themselves, is every student's next phase of education, training or employment. We have very strong working relationships with our local post-16 providers. Following publication of your results, we will work with them and you towards ensuring that your next phase of education or training is appropriate for you.

If you have questions or concerns once you have collected your results, you can contact Mrs Kelly, Examinations Officer at j.kelly@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk who will either respond herself or forward your email to the most appropriate member of staff.

Please be assured that I, along with other senior staff, will be personally involved in working hard for you to seek the outcome we believe you deserve for your results and for your next steps.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hemmings', written in a cursive style.

Mr P. Hemmings
Headteacher